

**Minutes of the meeting of the Ickleton Allotment Association  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Committee members present**

Ray Szajewski  
Chris Demmer  
Kathleen Woolverton  
Ros Dowrick  
Lorraine Demmer

**Others present**

Stephen Woolverton	Lizzie Molloy
Terry Nelson	Hugh Molloy
Iain Livingstone	Tim Pavelin
Jon Dowrick	Liz Driver

**Apologies**

John Taylor  
Christina Taylor

Welcome back to Lorraine

**1. Minutes of the meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

These were agreed, with one minor amendment. Plot 4b should have been removed from the list of vacant plots.

**2. Plot vacancies**

Whole plots - 25,26,34  
Half plots - 1a,2a,2b,12b,13b,31b,29

**3. Treasurer's report**

The predicted surplus at the end of the year could be between £400 and £500, depending on the cost of the water.

NSALG subs have now been paid for 41 members. Insurance is free provided individuals are members and also covers couples' allotmentee insurance. From January 2019, an extra £3 to cover insurance for a second person will be required. Individuals should now be receiving emails to say they have third party liability cover if accused of accidentally causing injury or damaging property.

**4. Mowing/Strimming**

Chris will ask Lucasz to look at the bottom track, and ask for a reduction in cost if not all the tracks need cutting.

The brushcutter/trimmer will be available on working party days - the first Sunday of every month, from 0900/0930. A designated person will be responsible on the day. This can be used for your own plot, vacant plots or general areas which need tidying. Training must be undertaken before use. Members are covered by 'Employers' Liability Insurance' once training has taken place on working party days only.

## **5. Advertising**

A small advert was placed in the Elmdon magazine for the combined months of July and August. Kathleen has a neighbour who may be interested in  $\frac{1}{4}$  plot.

## **6. Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/ickletonallotments/>

Anyone can add messages and photo's as a visitor. Approximately ten people per week are looking at the site.

## **7. Perimeter Fence**

It was agreed to strim the area towards the pedestrian gate, the nettles and weeds near to the wood chips.

## **8. BBQ/Tent Poles**

The poles are now in John's shed (plot 10) should we wish to use them in future. No one knows where the canvas walls have gone.

## **9. Padlock**

Ray will attempt to remove the old combination padlock.

## **10. Shed**

Thank you to Stephen who removed the mirror. There is still a plentiful supply of jam jars, so please help yourselves. These will be removed at the end of the season.

## **11. Dogs**

Notices have been erected to dissuade members of the public from walking their dogs on private property. In general this is not a problem so long as they clean up after their dogs.

## **12. Water Supply**

The cost of the third water supply for the bottom of the site will be approximately £180, and will be installed for the start of the watering season next year, between plots 32 and 33.

## **Any other business**

**13.** It was agreed not to use weedkiller round the site as it is not environmentally friendly, but to strim the weeds regularly.

**14.** Tim has received a tentative enquiry from a beekeeper interested in putting a hive at the bottom of the field. Everyone agreed in principle but Chris will check with the NSALG.

**Date of next meeting – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm**

**Seed swap followed by meeting**